

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

CIVIL MINUTES -- GENERAL

Case No. **CV 23-4515-JFW(PVCx)**

Date: December 11, 2023

Title: Naum Voloshin, et al. -v- Innovative Payment Solutions, Inc., et al.

PRESENT:

HONORABLE JOHN F. WALTER, UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

Shannon Reilly
Courtroom Deputy

None Present
Court Reporter

ATTORNEYS PRESENT FOR PLAINTIFFS:

None

ATTORNEYS PRESENT FOR DEFENDANTS:

None

PROCEEDINGS (IN CHAMBERS): ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE RE: MISJOINDER

The Court hereby orders Plaintiffs to show cause, in writing, no later than December 13, 2023, why one or more Plaintiffs should not be severed from the action as a result of misjoinder. Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 20(a), which allows for permissive joinder, provides, in pertinent part:

(1) *Plaintiffs*. Persons may join in one action as plaintiffs if:

(A) they assert any right to relief jointly, severally, or in the alternative in respect to or arising out of the same transaction, occurrence, or series of transactions or occurrences; and

(B) any question of law or fact common to all plaintiffs will arise in the action.

Fed. R. Civ. P. 20(a). Rule 20(a) imposes two specific requirements for proper joinder: "(1) a right to relief must be asserted by . . . each plaintiff . . . relating to or arising out of the same transaction or occurrence; and (2) some question of law or fact common to all the parties will arise in the action." *League to Save Lake Tahoe v. Tahoe Regional Planning Agency*, 558 F.2d 914, 917 (9th Cir. 1977). "The first prong, the 'same transaction' requirement, refers to similarity in the factual background of a claim." *Coughlin v. Rogers*, 130 F.3d 1348, 1350 (9th Cir. 1997).

No oral argument on this matter will be heard unless otherwise ordered by the Court. See Fed. R. Civ. P. 78; Local Rule 7-15. The Order will stand submitted upon the filing of the response to the Order to Show Cause. Failure to respond to the Order to Show Cause will result in the dismissal of this action.

IT IS SO ORDERED.